

ANNUAL REPORT
—OF—
THE SELECTMEN
—AND OTHER—
TOWN OFFICERS
—OF THE TOWN OF—
DORCHESTER, N. H.,
—FOR THE—
Year Ending February 15, 1903.

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Town Officers.

SELECTMEN.

FRANK Y. BURNHAM.
WELLS C. YOUNGMAN.
GEORGE N. BURNHAM.

TOWN CLERK.

HENRY M. MERRILL.

MODERATOR.

BYRON RICHARDSON.

TREASURER.

HAZEN H. CLOUGH.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

AZRO H. SCHOOLCRAFT.

LAND AGENT.

HENRY M. MERRILL.

SUPERVISORS.

BYRON RICHARDSON.
ALFRED W. ASHLEY.
ALBERT B. KEEZER.

AUDITORS.

BYRON RICHARDSON.
C. E. LeBRUN.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

ILLILLA FELLOWS.
C. E. LeBRUN.
AZRO H. SCHOOLCRAFT.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

MERRITT B. HAYES.
A. H. SCHOOLCRAFT.
ANDREW ST. PIERRE, JR.

Selectmen's Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1903.

Receipts.

From County of Grafton,	\$118 25	
Savings bank tax,	123 33	
Literary fund,	35 50	
Proportion school fund,	171 79	
High school tuition,	58 50	
Henry M. Merrill, land agent,	322 13	
“ “ use of hall,	14 00	
BORROWED.		
On notes given,	276 00	
Paid the Treasurer,		\$1,119 50

Disbursements.

Paid State tax,	\$157 25	
County tax,	186 48	
On notes,	1,334 35	
SCHOOL MONEY.		
Paid H. M. Merrill, Treasurer,		725 57

Miscellaneous.

Paid C. O. Barney. printing reports,	\$16 50	
W. A. Flanders, atty.,	3 00	
Edson C. Eastman, books and blanks,	13 68	
H. M. Merrill, recording deeds,	5 18	
Ginn & Co., school supplies,	.6 00	
F. H. Elliott, “ “	35	

Am. Express Co.,	85
Albert B. Keezer, ballot stalls,	3 12
Henry Wilkinson, water trough,	2 00
F. A. Bogardus, births and deaths,	50
H. M. Merrill, recording deeds,	4 50
Burleigh & Adams, drawing deeds,	5 00
H. M. Merrill, care of hall and supplies,	2 83
George N. Burnham, postage and paper,	2 46
E. M. Buck, return of birth,	25
H. H. Ashley, expense to Concord,	3 15
E. A. Chase, advertising,	6 75
Ind. Statesman, "	8 25
A. H. Schoolcraft, stamps and paper,	1 62
A. H. Schoolcraft, holding land sale,	8 00
Frank P. Morrill, tuition at New Hampton,	74 00
F. Y. Burnham, stationery,	1 25

\$169 24

Town Officers' Bills.

Paid Frank Y. Burnham, 1st Selectman,	\$38 30
W. C. Youngman, 2nd "	20 00
George N. Burnham, 3d "	19 15
H. M. Merrill, Town Clerk,	15 00
Byron Richardson, Moderator,	3 00
A. H. Schoolcraft, Collector,	42 55
H. M. Merrill, Land Agent,	14 15
H. H. Clough, Treas.,	15 00
Byron Richardson, Supervisor,	5 62
J. E. Fellows, "	6 75
George N. Burnham, "	2 25
Andrew St. Pierre, Jr., "	1 88
A. H. Schoolcraft, auditor,	1 00
Byron Richardson, "	1 00

H. W. K. Eastman, bal. Sel. 1902,	7 20
H. H. Ashley, " "	8 50
Illilla Fellows, School Board,	12 00
C. E. LeBrun, " "	15 50
A. H. Schoolcraft, " "	10 90
Geo. B. Fellows, Truant Officer,	5 00
H. M. Merrill, Treas. and Clerk	
School Dist.,	5 00
D. I. Wheeler, Constable,	2 50
Frank Y. Burnham, Overseer of	
the Poor,	7 25
Andrew St. Pierre, Jr., Ballot Clerk,	1 25

Total,

\$260 75

Highways and Bridges, Bal. 1901-02.

Paid Andrew St. Pierre,	\$31 12
Henry M. Merrill,	20 00
H. H. Ashley, labor and plank,	4 00
M. B. Hayes,	29 39
Henry M. Merrill,	3 88
John Bennett, plank,	26 82
James LaMott,	8 96
Andrew St. Pierre,	10 42

Total,

\$134 59

Highway Surveyors.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Paid James W. Jessman, surveyor,	24 00
H. H. Ashley,	1 32
L. J. Goss,	60
A. H. Schoolcraft,	2 90
Scott D. Burley,	8 21
Z. G. Taylor, plank,	10 00
Frank E. Fletcher, plank,	27 55
I. D. Walker,	1 44
Z. G. Taylor,	13 10

N. Kinsley,	86	
D. I. Wheeler	2 32	
John Ward,	2 50	
C. P. Waldron,	3 05	
H. K. Eastman,	1 50	
Total,		\$99 35

DISTRICT NO. 1 1-2.

Paid John T. Hanley, Surveyor	\$15 11	
A. H. Schoolcraft,	4 47	
H. H. Ashley,	3 37	
W. E. Noland,	5 35	
O. H. Waldron,	5 25	
F. G. Waldron,	1 75	
Z. G. Taylor,	3 50	
“ “ plank,	1 66	
C. P. Waldron,	4 69	
J. W. Jesseman,	1 25	
John Ward,	3 50	
H. W. K. Eastman,	1 50	
H. K. Brooks,	1 56	
Chas. Ward,	80	
F. E. Fletcher, plank,	9 60	
Total,		\$63 36

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Paid Geo. B. Fellows, Surveyor,	\$38 37	
John Quinby,	2 62	
Jake Rowen,	4 12	
S. H. Whicher,	23 09	
A. B. Keezer.	1 88	
Custer Quimby,	4 12	
Clyde Quimby,	5 37	
John C. Parker,	62	
Chas. E. Whicher,	5 37	
J. Ward,	3 00	

T. Perkins,	3 75
Joseph Whicher,	15 62
J. E. Fellows,	1 25
Earl Robinson,	1 25
Sam Whicher, plank,	1 50
H. W. K. Eastman,	3 00
F. Y. Burnham,	1 00
S. D. Tilton, plank,	9 35

Total,

\$125 28

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Paid Geo. W. Rowen, Surveyor,	\$16 84
Wm. Fairburn,	3 44
Frank Martin,	2 19
Andrew St. Pierre, Jr.,	17 10
L. S. Fellows,	1 88
Custer Quimby,	2 75
Clyde Quimby,	1 25
C. C. Reed,	2 50
J. Ward,	2 50
Jacob Rowen,	1 25
E. E. Marrs,	2 68
J. E. Fellows,	8 13
F. E. Fletcher, plank,	2 75

Total,

\$65 17

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Paid J. W. Wallace, Surveyor,	\$24 33
Arthur Bair,	2 50
N. H. Davis,	27 50
H. E. Velock,	2 50
Geo. Blain,	2 50
S. R. Phair,	14 03
A. R. Trundy,	4 50
P. R. Follansbee,	5 00

W. M. Brown,	5 00
Francis Blain,	8 45

Total,

\$96 31

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Paid James La Motte, Surveyor,	\$105 99
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DISTRICT NO. 6.

Paid H. H. Clough, Surveyor,	\$23 83
A. J. Bickford,	10 00
Byron Richardson,	5 81
A. F. Bickford,	5 25
Chester Bickford,	1 25
W. C. Youngman,	2 50
F. Y. Burnham,	6 75
F. W. Burnham,	4 62
Jesse B. Reed,	7 50
G. N. Burnham,	5 25
C. Clark,	63
S. F. Reed,	3 96
Peter W. Clark,	2 00

Total,

\$79 35

Total expenditures on highways,

 \$773 60

Collector's Report.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1903.

Due on 1901 assessment,	\$1,119 31	
Assessment 1902,	2,514 76	
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Total,		\$3,634 07
Amount collected on 1901 and 1902 as-		
essment,	\$2,874 05	
Receipts of land sale by F. Y. Burnham,	57 39	
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Total,		\$2,931 44
Amount due on 1901 and 1902, Feb. 15		
1903,		\$702 63
Amount collected on assessment,	\$2,874 05	
Interest on same,	11 26	
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Total collected and paid Treasurer,		\$2,885 31
Respectfully submitted,		

A. H. SCHOOLCRAFT, Collector.

Due the Town.

From County of Grafton,	\$24 90
Town of Groton, support of Alice	
M. Jewell,	8 57
Geo. B. Fellows, Coll. 1898,	10 07
" " " 1899,	14 97
" " " 1900,	42 39
Henry M. Merrill on land sale	
notes,	553 51

Henry M. Merrill on lands covered by deeds,	113 76
The state, tuition paid on New Hampton school,	42 00
A. H. Schoolcraft, Coll., 1901 and 1902,	702 63
S. W. Clement, on land sale 1895,	42 86
Jas. W. Jesseman, highway money overdrawn,	4 20
Cash in Treasury,	403 86
Total,	<hr/> \$1,963 72

Financial Standing.

Outstanding notes,	\$14,201 20
Due School Dist. from last year,	12 43
“ “ Literary fund,	35 50
“ “ School Proportion,	171 79
“ “ Dog license,	42 60
	<hr/> \$262 32
Total,	\$14,463 32
Due the town,	1,963 72
	<hr/> \$12,499 80
Total indebtedness, Feb. 15, 1902,	\$12,730 87
“ “ “ 1903,	12,499 80
	<hr/> \$231 07
Decrease of debt,	

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK Y. BURNHAM	} Selectmen of Dorchester.
WELLS C. YOUNGMAN,	
GEORGE N. BURNHAM,	

The undersigned having examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Collectors, Treasurer, Overseer, of Poor and Land Agent, of the Town of Dorchester for the year ending Feb. 15, 1903, find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

BYRON RICHARDSON,	} Auditors.
C. E. LE BRUN,	

Treasurer's Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1903.

Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1902,	\$217 41	
Received of A. H. Schoolcraft, Coll. of taxes, 1901,	961 12	
Received of Coll. of taxes 1902,	1,924 19	
Town clerk, dog license,	42 60	
Selectmen,	1,119 50	
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Total,		\$4,264 82
Paid by orders from Selectmen No. 1 to 116	\$3,860 96	
Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1903,	403 86	
	<hr/>	\$4,264 82

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEN H. CLOUGH, Treasurer.

Land Agent's Report.

Due the town on land sale notes, Feb. 15, 1902,	\$705 27	
Amount of land sale 1901,	57 39	
	<hr/>	\$762 66
Amount collected and paid Selectmen,	183 45	
Amount of abatements on land-sale notes,	25 70	
Due the town on land sale notes Feb. 15 1903,	553 51	
	<hr/>	\$762 66
Interest collected and paid Selectmen,		41 59
Due the town on land covered by deeds		

Feb. 15, 1902		210 85
Amount of land deeded,	97 09	
Due the town on land covered by deeds		
Feb. 15, 1903,	113 76	
	<hr/>	210 85

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. MERRILL, Land Agent.

Report of Overseer of Poor.

Dorchester, N. H. Feb. 15, 1903.

F. Y. BURNHAM IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF
DORCHESTER.

Receipts.

Received of the town,	\$253 72
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Expenditures.

Paid County of Grafton, support of Geo.	
F. Colburn,	\$146 07
L. Keezer, keeping tramps,	1 00
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	\$147 07

COUNTY POOR.

Paid Support of John P. Parker,	\$40 59
F. H. Elliot, for Joshua Rowen,	6 93
F. Y. Burnham, taking Geo. C. Colburn	
to Co. farm,	3 54
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	\$51 06

DEPENDENT SOLDIERS AND FAMILIES.

Mrs. John Rand,	\$55 59
Total receipts,	\$253 72
Total expenditures,	253 72

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK Y. BURNHAM, Overseer of Poor.

Report of Treasurer of School District.

Receipts.

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1902,	\$30 94	
Received from Town Treasurer,	725 57	
C. E. Le Brun, money over		
drawn,	2 40	
Town of Groton, tuition,	19 50	
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		\$778 41

Disbursements.

PAID BY ORDER OF SCHOOL BOARD.

Paid town of Groton, tuition,	\$20 50
F. H. Elliott, sundries,	45
Nettie A. Waldron, carrying scholars,	4 00
A. Sanger, labor, paper and postage,	1 45
F. H. Elliott, screws,	40
W. E. Noland, wood,	3 00
Geo. Sweatt, sawing wood,	50
Annie La Mott, teaching,	40 00
James La Mott, carrying scholars,	20 00
Mrs. James La Mott, boarding teacher,	16 25
Mrs. C. E. Le Brun, boarding teacher,	16 25
Joseph Le Brun, sawing wood,	25
Lillian Jewell, teaching,	64 00
Nettie M. Wing, "	64 00

Rosalee Le Brun, boarding teacher,	26 00
Mrs. Jas. I. LaMott, " "	26 00
Jack Gray,* carrying scholars.	46 80
Nettie E. Wing, teaching,	40 00
Mary V. Clough, boarding teacher,	16 25
Frank Y. Burnham, glass and setting same,	25
Maria Woodbine, teaching,	40 00
Phebe L. Webster, " "	40 00
Mrs. Illilla Fellows, boarding teacher.	16 25
Mrs. Illilla, Fellows, boading teacher,	26 00
Mrs. Illilla Fellows, tablets, pencils and pens,	7 55
G. B. Fellows, glass, putty and setting glass,	50
G. B. Fellows, carrying scholars,	25 00
" " wood,	3 50
" " "	8 00
C. E. LeBrun, express,	30
Joseph Le Brun, wood,	8 00
A. H. Schoolcraft, paper and pencils,	60
F. S. Wells, 1 broom.	25
Myra M. Clough, teaching,	64 00
Chas. A. Clough, boarding teacher,	26 00
R. E. Lane, order book,	36
G. W. Lovett, two dampers,	50
A. H. Schoolcraft, wood,	8 00
Byron Richardson, sawing wood,	45
A. H. Schoolcraft, 1-2 doz. check-lists and postage,	80
Albert B. Keyser, carrying scholars,	32 00
Phebe L. Webster, teaching,	64 00

 \$778 41

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. MERRILL, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned having examined the accounts of Henry M. Merrill, Treasurer of School Board, find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

BYRON RICHARDSON, }
C. E. LE BRUN, } Auditors.

Report of School Board.

In presenting this report for your consideration we wish to commend the work of our teachers in general. We think they labored for the welfare and best interests of our scholars, and although it is not possible to please everybody, yet, if the parents would endeavor to cooperate with the teacher more earnestly, much better results would be accomplished. No matter how zealously teachers may strive to forward their pupils, they cannot attain the desired result without the sympathy and help of the parents, and we earnestly request that you visit and personally inspect the schools. The attendance during the year has not been all that could be desired, and we wish to emphasize the fact that children from 8 to 14 years of age *must* be sent regularly to school, unless they are physically unable to attend, and if so, the School Board must be notified.

Chapter 93, section 14, of the School Laws of New Hampshire is as follows: "Every person having the custody and control of a child between the ages of 8 and 14 years residing in a school district in which a public school is annually taught, shall cause such child to attend the public school all the time such school is in session, unless the child shall be excused by the school board of the district because his physical or mental condition is such as to prevent his attendance at school for the period required or because he was instructed in the English language in a private school approved by the school board for a number of weeks equal to that in which the public school was in

session, in the common English branches, or, having those branches, in other more advanced studies. Any person who does not comply with the requirements of this section shall be fined \$10 for the first offense, and \$20 for every subsequent offense, for the use of the district."

There has been one case of prosecution for violating this very essential law of our State. The School Board endeavored to induce the party to comply with said law by moral suasion, but they failed, and as the only recourse was to prosecute personally or refer to the State officials, the State Superintendent of Schools was notified and the majesty of the law vindicated to the detriment of the offender. Let us labor earnestly for the upbuilding of our "Free Public Schools." We believe them to be one of the corner stones of our grand Republic. There is another State law we would call your attention to, and that is the requirement to study Physiology and Hygiene having special reference to the effects of alcoholic stimulants and of narcotics and tobacco upon the human system. Let us see that this law is enforced, feeling that there is a great responsibility resting upon us as to what the health and habits of the coming generation is to be.

During the year we had 26 weeks school and our money has been expended very economically.

Yours for the best interests of our schools.

Mrs. LILLIA FELLOWS,) School Board
CYRILLE E. LEBRUN,) of
AZRO H. SCHOOLCRAFT,) Dorchester.

Births Registered in the Town of Dorchester, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1902.

Date.	Place of Birth.	Name of Child (if any).	Sex and Condition.			Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color Parents	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
			Male.	Female.	Living or Still Born.	No. of Child.						
1902.												
Mar. 8	Dorch'ter	Alice Bell Ashley	F		L.	5	W		Dorch'ter.	Farmer.	P. E. Island.	P. E. Island.
July 22	"	Marie J. S. Monast	F		"	6			"	"	Chicopee, Mass	Montreal, P. Q.
Nov. 30	"	Bennie W. eld.	M		"	1			"	Laborer.	Canaan.	Canaan.
Dec. 3	"	Charles C. Ashley.	F		"	6			"	Farmer.	P. E. Island	P. E. Island.
" 6	"		F		"	6			"	"	Germany.	North Hero, Vt.
" 23	"		F		"	4			"	"	Princeton, Me.	Bristol, N. H.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief. H. M. MERRILL, Town Clerk.

Mariages Registered in the Town of Dorchester, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1902.

Date.	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom & Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in Years.		Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of Each.	Name of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	Name, Residence, and Official Station of person by whom Married.
				Age of Groom.	Color of Each.						
1902. Sept. 27	Dorchester.	George W. Keezer.	Dorchester.	22 w	Domestic.	Carpenter.	Haverhill, Mass.	Daniel H. Keezer. Faelia Keezer. Wells G. York. Lizzie Harnden.	Kingston. Soco, Me. Gilmanton.	Farmer. Housewife.	Henry M. Merrill J P Dorchester, N. H.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief. H. M. MERRILL, *Town Clerk.*

Deaths Registered in the Town of Dorchester, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1902.

Date.	Place of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age			Place of Birth.	Sex & Condition		Occupation.	Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Name of Mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
			Year.	Months.	Days.		Male. Female.	Single, Married or Widowed.		Father.	Mother.				
1902. Jan. 16	Dorchester.	Maria C. Waldron.	66			Dorchester.	M	Married.	Housewife.	Paston, Mass.	Andson.	Samuel Clark.			Betsy Rollins.
" 26	"	Nathan B. Kinsley.	78	5	12	Grantham.	M	Divorced	Farmer.	Greenland.	Exeter.	Z. Kinsley.			Johanna Blodgett.
May 27	"	Herbert H. Davis.	33	9		New Market.	M	Single.	Shoe Cutter.	Germany.	North Hero.	John O. Davis.			Hattie A. Davis.
Dec. 23	"	Clark.	17			Dorchester.	F					Conrad Clark.			Emma J. Hazen.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief. H. M. MERRILL, *Town Clerk.*

Great Cut In Prices To Close !

In order to clean up all winter goods possible, for the next 30 days I will sell Men's and Boy's Winter Underwear, also Women's, Misses' and Children's Underwear, for Cash, at a Small Margin; also all other Heavy Winter Goods on the same basis. Lot of Boy's and Men's Caps at cost to close them out.

I Have the Celebrated Bradley Fertilizers.

Call and get prices and book of analysis and compare them with all fertilizers and it will convince you that you can get the best results by using Bradley's.

I have a few more of those nice Horse Blankets I will sell for cash at a very low price.

I have just received a large invoice of Sherwin-Williams Company's

Celebrated Paints, Varnishes and Stain,

for outside and inside work. Also Carriage Paints and in fact Paint for any kind of work you may have. Call and examine our color card. If you are intending to paint this summer, think we can please you.

A full Line of Flour, Grain and Feed.

Try a barrel of our new flour,

CUTTER'S BEST,

you'll like it. Also

BEN HUR FLOUR.

Only place in town keeping in stock

❖ **PLOWS AND HARROWS.** ❖

Full Line of Cedar Shingles Constantly on Hand.

H. A. GILMAN.

Buy Wall Paper at Home!

In addition to the large stock of Wall Papers and Window Shades which we constantly carry in stock direct from the best manufacturers, we have a full line of samples from one of the largest houses in the country from which you can select the best grades and most artistic papers made, and they will be promptly delivered to you at the same price as if carried in stock. In this way you get the benefit of a hundred patterns where we could not afford to carry ten. No need to send out of town, we can furnish anything desired for a single room or a whole house.

Groceries!

It is well to remember that only the best and most reliable Groceries are permitted to enter our store. Always, a good dollar's worth for a good dollar at

BARNEY BROTHERS.